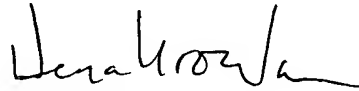


### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Specification has been amended to claim priority to related applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.78. Claim 26 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors. Claims 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 21, 23-25, and 27-28 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added with this Amendment.

It is believed that this submission does not require the payment of any fees. However, if this is incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,



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